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It is hereby requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in the above identified application from the Final Office Action, dated August 24, 2006, which extends the period for reply to _____.

Submitted herewith are the following items:

- ☐ a response to the _____ dated _____.
- ☐ formal drawings.
- ☐ (The Issue Fee due _____ has been timely filed.)
- ☒ a Notice of Appeal.
- ☐ (A timely response to the Final Rejection due _____ has been filed.)
- ☐ an Appeal Brief.
- ☐ a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Other: _____

☒ The fee for a two-month extension of time has previously been paid on January 24, 2006.

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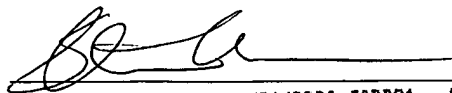
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